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Good Afternoon! Thank you Chairman Petrowski and Committee Members for having a hearing today on AB 55.

AB55 is legislation that we drafted at the request of ABATE, the Director of Courts, and the Department of Transportation. AB55 simply clears up a few issues with 2005 WI ACT 466 relating to the authorization to operate motorcycles, vehicle failure-to-yield violations, and driver education instructions.

The minor technical changes reflected in AB55 include simply moving the jurisdiction of assigning the right-of-way safety course from the Courts to the DOT, and clarifying the penalties for violating the right-of-way. In addition, the Amendment seeks to change the language of the safety course from "Traffic Safety School" to "Vehicle Right of Way Course" and specifies 30 minutes of instruction on motorcycle, bicycle, and pedestrian awareness.

This bill has the support of ABATE of WI, the DOT, the Director of Courts, State Farm Insurance Co, and the WI Sheriff's and Deputy Sheriff's Association.

Thank you